

FISCAL NOTE

HB 602 - SB 1432

March 24, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all local fire departments in the state to adopt National Fire Prevention Association Standards by 2010. Failure to do so may result in a fiscal penalty to be determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration and/or by revocation or suspension of the fire company's charter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* – Exceeds \$1,000,000

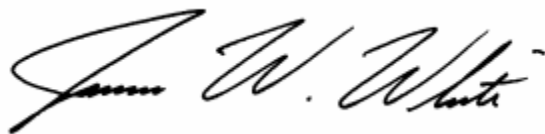
Assumptions:

- A precise estimate of the cost to local governments cannot be determined because the cost will vary substantially depending on the current standards in place, the size of the department, and whether or not the departments have the code books or will be required to obtain them.
- If this bill is enacted, fire departments will comply with the provisions and not be subject to fiscal penalties or charter suspension or revocation.
- There are in excess of 725 fire departments and in excess of 23,000 firefighters statewide.
- If implementation of the provisions of this bill cost just \$1,500 per fire department the impact statewide would be in excess of:
 $725 \times \$1,500 = \$1,087,500$.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director